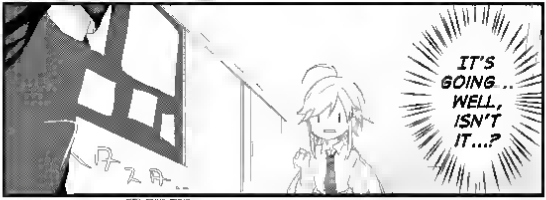
I EVEN GOT LEO'S EMAIL ADDRESS NOW. I MUST SAY, EVERYTHING'S GOING QUITE WELL!
I WAS WORRIED IF IT'D GO WELL AT FIRST, BUT I'VE SOMEHOW MADE IT INTO THE MANGA CLUB

SFX: SQUEAL

SFX: THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD...



SFX: THUD THUD

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SHE'S HERE TODAY TOO...
THAT WAS MEAN, LEO-KUN!
HEY!
AFTER SCHOOL
SFX RATTLE
DON'T PLAY DUMB! YOU TOTALLY IGNORED ME IN THE HALLWAY JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU, LEO-KUN!?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SFX MAD
THAT'S SO CRUEL!!
THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO THINK THAT I'M FRIENDS WITH SCUM LIKE YOU
SFX DRY
OOth Month XXth Day
It'd be embarrassing if my friends saw us walking home together and started gossiping about us...
IN GAMES, THAT'S SOMETHING A GIRL WOULD SAY TO A GUY

PREZ
OKAAY...
OH, WELL, LET'S CALM DOWN AND GET BACK TO OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES
SFX: PAT
CLUB ACTIVI-TIES...
UHH...
NO, NO!! I MUSTN'T THINK LIKE THAT!!
THIS ISN'T QUITE WHAT I EXPECT-

SFX: LOOKING AROUND NERVOUSLY
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SFX: GASP
SFX: GLANCE
Did our eyes meet just now!?
SFX: TURN AWAY
I CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE!!!
AHHHH HHHHH HHH!!!

Guess I'll just play some Puzzle and Dragons then
WHY DOESN'T SHE JUST GO HOME ALREADY ..
OO YOU LIKE THE PUZZLE & DRAGONS TRADING CARD GAME TOO!?
EH!
HEY, SCUM— WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SFX: DIARY CLOSES
HEY!! YOU'RE TOO CLOSE!! BACK OFF!!
LOOK! LOOK! HERE'S MY DECK! IT'S PRETTY STRONG, ISN'T IT?
WELL, I PLAY IT SOME-TIMES TO KILL TIME
SFX: TURN AWAY
DOES SHE SERIOUSLY THINK THAT HER NOOB DECK IS... STRONG?
WAIT, SO THIS KIND OF APPROACH ACTUALLY WORKS ON HIM ..!?
AH, I-I'M SOR-RY!

SOME-THING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT HER...
PREZ, I HAVE A PROPO-SITION TO MAKE
AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
IF YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE MITSURUGI A MEMBER, YOU SHOULD GIVE HER AN ASSIGN-MENT
Huh!! Is Leo-kun talking about me!?
HMM AN ASSIGN-MENT YOU SAY...?
YOU AND ME PREZ, WE ARE WALKING WIKIPEDIAS TATEKAWA IS OUR DOUJIN ARTIST KABUTOKUBI-SENPAI IS... A NINJA
EVERY MEMBER OF THE SECOND MANGA CLUB HAS THEIR OWN SPECIALTY
THEREFORE, IF YOU WANT TO BE ONE OF US, YOU WILL HAVE TO FIND YOUR OWN SPECIALTY TOO!!
EHH, WHAT IS THAT ALL OF A SUD-DEN...
SFX: POINT
CAN'T I JUST HAVE SOME TEA AND CAKE AND LAZE AROUND ALL THE TIME?
Tsukee
THIS ISN'T A SLICE-OF-LIFE ANIME, YOU SCUM!!

I've been drawing for as long as I remember... Because I've always liked it...
Eee?
SAY, MAYURA-CHAN!
WHEN DID YOU START DRAWING MANGA?

I GUESS YOU WANT TO KNOW WHEN WE BECAME OTAKU?
I WAS AN OTAKU THE MOMENT I WAS BORN... IT'S IN MY "BLOODLINE"

I GUESS YOU GUYS DIDN'T HAVE TO PUT IN ANY EFFORT TO BECOME OTAKU...
HMM
THE "NIN" IN NINJA IS MADE UP OF THE CHARACTERS "BLADE" AND "SOUL."

IN THAT CASE, YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
THEN MAYBE I SHOULD QUIT TRYING SO HARD AND JUST BE MYSELF!

LET'S CALM DOWN AND TRY THINKING ABOUT IT ONE MORE TIME
WELL, WELL, LEO-CHIN
BUT I DON'T WANT HER TO APPROACH ME OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB EITHER...
SOMEONE WHO ISN'T EVEN AN OTAKU OR ANYTHING DOESN'T BELONG HERE...

OUR CLUB'S ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE WHERE WE CAN BE OURSELVES
WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GROUP OF MISFITS
AND WE CREATED THIS CLUB SO THAT WE CAN DO WHAT WE LIKE HERE

I'M SURE MITSURUGI-SAN WANTED TO JOIN US BECAUSE SHE HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR US OTAKU
Ugh
THOUGHT-FULNESS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR US OTAKU
BUT FOR THAT TO STAY THE SAME, WE HAVE TO TOLERATE EACH OTHER'S HOBBIES AND TASTES

To be continued!